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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Viet Vu

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 September 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-24 and 29-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 29-34 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-24 and 35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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Art Rejections:

1. The text of 35 USC 103(a) not cited here can be found in the previous office action.

2. Claims 19-24 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Friskel, U.S. pat. No. 6,839,737.

Per claims 19-21 and 35, Friskel discloses a method for updating electronic contact information comprising:

- a) receiving an electronic message at a (second) system of a contact having at least an inbox (email server 108, fig. 1) having an electronic message application in execution thereon and a contact database (server 102) (see col 3, lines 14-19);
- b) intercepting the electronic message by an automated reply component executed on the first system of the contact without storing the received message in the inbox (see col 6, lines 48-62);
- c) parsing the intercepted electronic message to determine that the electronic message is one of an update request message and another message (col 6, lines 63-65);
- d) providing all other messages in the inbox (see col 4, lines 3-5, 26-28);

e) generating a new electronic message including data indicative of current contact information for the contact in reply to a determined update request message; and

f) transmitting the generated new electronic message from the first system of the contact to a (first) system of contact (client 104, fig. 1) via a communication network (see col 7, lines 3-15).

Friskel also teaches parsing email header to determine contact information (see col 7, lines 31-34).

Friskel does not teach implementing the contact database and the email (inbox) server at one location. An official notice is taken that such configuration is well known in the art.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement Friskel's servers at one location. Such one-location configuration would have been motivated for easy of maintenance and operation of the network mail server.

Per claims 22-24, Friskel teaches exchanging update contact information between the first system (client 104, 106) and the second system (contact database 102) (see col 3, line 62 - col 4, line 2). Friskel also teaches extracting and updating contact information upon receipt of email message at the second system (client 104) (see col 7, lines 31-39).

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Allowable Subject Matter:

3. Claims 29-34 are allowed over prior art of record.

Response to Amendment:

4. Applicant's arguments filed on 9/29/05 with respect to claims 19-24 and 35 are moot in view of new ground of rejection set forth above.

Conclusion:

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See M.P.E.P. § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

Conclusion:

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Viet Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-3977. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee, can be reached on 571-272-3964.

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